Amount spent on modernisation of NTC Mills

†*156. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had made a plan in the past to make the textile mills of National Textile corporation profit earners, by way of modernisation, and a sum of Rs. 2005 crores was also decided to be spent on it;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in execution of this plan, Government had spent some amount on modernisation of certain mills;

(c) if so, the details of amount spent on different mills; and

(d) whether consequent to this, these mills became profit earners, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHI RAM RANA): (a) to (d)The Government had approved a Turn Around Plan for NTC mills in 1995 which envisaged, inter-alia, modernisation of 79 mills at a cost of Rs. 2005.72 crores, merger of 36 unviable mills into 18 viable mills etc. The plan was to be implemented through generation of funds from the sale of surplus land/assets of NTC. Major portion of this land is located in Mumbai. The State Government of Maharashtra has not yet given their approval for sale of land. Moreover, in case of 4 subsidiaries of NTC viz. NTC (UP), NTC (Guj), NTC (WBAB&O) and NTC (MP), BIFR have not approved the plan on account of their net worth not becoming positive during the prescribed period. In view of the above the strategy could not be implemented.

Budgetary allocation for Panchayats

*157. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) why Government use Panchayats as the Nodal agency for rural development;

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